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SUBJ: JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT

1. NOW THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SIGNED DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL CONTAINING THE JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT, THE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER REQUESTING U.S. AMBASSADORS IN NATO CAPITALS TO MAKE PERSONAL DEMARCHES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN AND FINANCE AND DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THAT FACT AND, IN ADDITION, TO EXPLAIN THE AMENDMENT'S EFFECT.

2. A CLEAR EXPLANATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT REPORT PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF TO CONGRESS WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE AMENDMENT'S ENACTMENT (AND AT 90-DAY INTERVALS THEREAFTER) OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS UPON ALLIED GOVERNMENTS THE DEADLINE WITH WHICH WE ARE WORKING. THE EFFORT MIGHT, I BELIEVE, HELP OUR ALLIES AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES--UNFORTUNATE FOR THEM AND THE ALLIANCE--THAT COULD STEM FROM AN INCOMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF, OR TARDY RESPONSE TO, THE AMENDMENT'S PROVISIONS.
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